Kolkata Police Serve CrPC 41A Notices in StrataEnviro Pvt Ltd Fraud Investment Case

Kolkata : —
Kolkata Police have issued **CrPC Section 41A notices** to **Amol Mukund Chaphekar** and **Dhanashree Nandkumar Karnik (wife of Amol Chaphekar)** in connection with an alleged **fraud investment case** involving **StrataEnviro Pvt Ltd**. The notices require the individuals to appear before investigators at Bowbazar Police Station as part of an ongoing criminal probe.

The action relates to **FIR No. 303/2021** registered on October 16, 2021, under Sections **420 (cheating), 406 (criminal breach of trust) and 120B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code**, along with Sections **4 and 6 of the Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act, 1978**. Police sources say questioning of the directors is necessary to further the investigation. Failure to comply may lead to arrest. The investigation continues.

Background on StrataEnviro Pvt Ltd — What Public Records Show
StrataEnviro Pvt Ltd does not appear on any official financial regulator's list of registered investment or collective investment scheme operators, based on public searches. The company's claimed official website positions it as **a technology and environmental services entity focused on pollution mitigation and related projects** with installations across cities and involvement in water, air, and land pollution projects. The website also mentions business tie-ups and dealer/distributor opportunities for companies to secure territorial rights. However, public investors should note that **accepting money for investment purposes or money circulation schemes is governed by strict laws in India**.

Under the **Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act, 1978**, acceptance or collection of money in money circulation schemes or pyramid-structured investment plans is a **cognizable offence** and is prohibited. Any information regarding persons or companies operating such schemes should be reported to police or appropriate economic offence wings. Sachet

Legal and Regulatory Context
The Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act prohibits any person from running or participating in schemes that promise quick or easy money returns dependent on enrolling others. Mondaq Companies accepting public funds must comply with multiple layers of regulation — including the **Companies Act, 2013**, rules on acceptance of deposits, and regulation by financial authorities like SEBI and RBI if operating collective investment or deposit schemes. Ministry ...

Why This Matters
Investment scams and fraudulent schemes have been a widespread problem across India. Investors have recently lost substantial sums due to online share trading frauds and other Ponzi-like operations, with hundreds of cases reported in areas like Pune alone, involving losses in the **tens to hundreds of crores of rupees** due to misleading promises of high returns on investments through digital platforms. The Indian Expre...

Law enforcement in India treats such alleged violations seriously under multiple statutes, emphasizing investor protection, due process, and recovery avenues through police, economic offence wings, and courts.

Top Visuals (Editorial Placeholders)

📷 *Exterior – StrataEnviro Pvt Ltd office / representative image*
(Source: Company website / Official online profile)

📷 *Company brochure or social media promotional asset*
(Source: Official social media pages — used for representational purposes only)

📷 *Bowbazar Police Station, Kolkata*
(File photo)

Investor Advisory Note

Investors should always confirm whether any investment scheme or company is:

- **Registered with SEBI** (if acting as a collective investment scheme)
- **Authorized to accept deposits** under the Companies Act rules
- Not offering returns that are unusually high
- Not structured on a money circulation/pyramid model

Complaints about suspected fraudulent investment schemes should be reported promptly to police or the Economic Offence Wing.

Disclaimer: This article is based on official police notices, available public records, and context from India's regulatory framework on investment schemes. Allegations are under investigation and have not been adjudicated in court. StrataEnviro Pvt Ltd and the individuals named are entitled to due legal process.